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SUBCHAPTER 1130

“ACQUISITION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP BY BIRTH ABROAD TO U.S. CITIZEN PARENT”

MAJOR CHANGES

1. This subchapter updates statutory provisions, regulations, and procedures on acquisition of citizenship by birth abroad, retention provisions, and remedies for failure to comply with the retention provisions. Most of the changes resulted from the 1986, 1988 and 1994 amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).
2. There is an expanded section on blood testing in 1131.5-5, including a new exhibit providing the standards for parentage blood testing laboratories (Exhibit 113.5-5).
3. Exhibit 1133.3-3 updates to August 1997 the list of International Organizations Designated by Executive Order.
4. Exhibit 1133.4-2 updates to October 1993 the U.S. state legitimization laws and Exhibit 1133.4-2a provides a simple chart for determining when to apply the amended Section 309(a) INA to an out of wedlock birth case.
5. There is a new exhibit providing language for the oath to be administered to persons applying for restoration of citizenship under Section 324(d) INA (Exhibit 1133.5-15).
6. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the section is updated. Only the current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide the historical record of changes.
7. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity [see 2 FAM 1115.2].

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